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## Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

DES MOINES - Four remarkable women have been selected as inductees into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women has been honoring exceptional women each year since 1975, with the aim of highlighting women's heritage and recognizing the important contributions women have made in Iowa. Inductees are recognized as role models for women everywhere and champions of the rights of women and girls. Among those honored as members of the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame are past legislators, political and social activists, scientists, educators, writers and spiritual and community leaders. They represent the women who have helped shape Iowa, the United States and the world. Their induction into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame enhances the visibility of their contributions to their work, communities, and the status of women. As of 2015, 164 women have been inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.

2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame honorees include:

**The Honorable Linda K. Neuman**, LeClaire  
**Joyce Ann Boone Chapman**, Des Moines  
**Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson**, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado  
**The Honorable Marsha K. Ternus**, Grimes

The 2015 Iowa Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. The event is free and open to the public.

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**Note to editors:** Media are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony. Biographies of the award recipients are below.

## 2015 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

## **The Honorable Linda K. Neuman**

Linda Kinney Neuman was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 18, 1948. Her family moved to Denver, Colorado when she was eight years old. Neuman worked her way through college and law school at the University of Colorado where she met her future husband, Henry Neuman of Davenport, Iowa. Upon their graduation from law school in 1973, the Neumans moved to Iowa to establish a permanent home and raise their family. They went to work at Betty, Neuman, McMahon, Hellstrom & Bittner, a law firm established in 1906, where Henry's father was a partner. In 1977, Linda Neuman became the first woman admitted to partnership in the firm. Three years later, Neuman became the first woman to serve as a part-time judicial magistrate in Scott County. In 1982, Neuman was appointed by Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray to serve as a district court judge for the 7th Judicial District of Iowa, only the second woman in Iowa history to be appointed to such a position. In 1986, after several years as a trial judge, Neuman was appointed by Governor Terry Branstad to the Iowa Supreme Court, the first woman to serve as a member of the court in its 150-year history.

Justice Neuman retired from the Supreme Court in 2003. She returned to private practice where she has focused on mediation and arbitration. She also joined the adjunct faculty of the University of Iowa Law School where she taught courses on Professional Ethics, Appellate Court Practice and Procedure, and designed and taught a course for law students serving as judicial interns in the state and federal courts.

Throughout her career Neuman has devoted herself to professional and civic organizations, both in her community and nationally. She has represented Iowa as a director of the National Association of Women Judges, the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association, and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. In 2014 she received a President's Award for her service to the Iowa State Bar Association. Closer to home she has served on many boards, including the Quad-Cities United Way, The Edgerton Maternal Health Center, Marriage and Family Counseling Service and, for 15 years, as a trustee of St. Ambrose University. She is currently a director on the boards of the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Quad-City Bank and Trust, and QCR Holdings. She serves, pro bono, as counsel to the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, has held many leadership positions in her church, and volunteers as a reader for the blind on APRIS, the Augustana Public Radio Information Service.

## **Joyce Ann Boone Chapman**

A life-long Iowan, Joyce Chapman began her career in banking directly after graduating from high school, taking an entry level position at Plaza State Bank in Des Moines and then working as internal auditor at a bank in Iowa City while her husband attended college. She started her career at West Bank as Auditor in 1971 continuing to advance until she retired as Executive Vice President and board member. She continues to serve on West Bank's board of directors. She completed courses with the American Institute

of Banking and graduated from the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin at Madison, in 1976. Her natural curiosity and drive have more than made up for the lack of a formal college education. As she tells it: "I only take on challenges that can teach me something new."

Ms. Chapman's major accomplishments include being named a 'Woman of Influence' by the Business Record in 2001 and 'Rotarian of the Year' by the Rotary Club for 2008-2009; serving as the first female President of various organizations such as the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, the West Des Moines Development Corporation, the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation, as well as serving as the second female president of the Rotary Club of Des Moines; and sitting on over 15 boards in the state of Iowa.

### **Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson**

Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson is the superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy, a four-year undergraduate institution of nearly 4,000 students that graduates officers ready to lead in the United States Air Force. In her role as Superintendent, she serves as both college president and military installation commander, overseeing a rigorous program of military training, academics, athletics, and character development, whereby students earn a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Prior to becoming the Superintendent, General Johnson served as an airlift and tanker pilot, was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the Air Force Academy, and held a variety of senior military executive jobs. She served as the Deputy Director for Information and Cyberspace Policy on the Joint Staff where she led a team developing Cyber policy and a new military Cyber Command. Serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Intelligence for the military headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) she supported crisis and operations planning and execution for multiple NATO missions including those in Afghanistan, Kosovo, in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of the Horn of Africa, and in the skies over Libya. She also had the privilege of serving as the Director of Public Affairs for the Air Force and as aide to both President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton. She has also been the commander of the 9th Air Refueling Squadron where she led over 200 people; was the commander of the 97th Operations Group leading over 1,000 people; and served as a wing commander responsible for more than 3,600 people, both civilian and military.

Lt. General Johnson was a distinguished graduate from the United State Air Force Academy in 1981, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Operation Research. She attended Brasenose College at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, earning a Masters of Arts in Politics and Economics. In 2014, she was named an Honorary Fellow for Brasenose College. She holds a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C., and has attended multiple senior executive programs to include both the Senior Executive Fellows program and

Seminar for new Presidents at Harvard University, the Fellows Seminar on Foreign Politics, International Relations and the National Interest at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and the National Security Management program at Syracuse University. In 1995, General Johnson was inducted into the GTE/CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-American Hall of Fame. This award is given to distinguished student-athletes who perform well both in the classroom and their respective sport. She was also a member of the Air Force Sports Hall of Fame inaugural class and was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame for the Class of 2014. In addition to numerous other awards, she is a sought after speaker and often gives invited remarks on her leadership philosophy, overcoming challenges, and future opportunities.

Lieutenant General Johnson hails from Spencer, Iowa. She graduated from Spencer High School as a National Merit Scholar and as an avid athlete who excelled at basketball and track. General Johnson is married to John Hargreaves, a retired aviator. They are the proud parents of 12-year old twin boys, Preston and Mitchell.

## **The Honorable Marsha K. Ternus**

Marsha Ternus is a native of Iowa, growing up on a farm in northern Benton County. She graduated from Washington High School in Vinton, and received her bachelor's degree with honors and high distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Iowa in 1972. She earned her law degree with honors, Order of the Coif, from Drake University Law School in 1977. While at Drake, Ms. Ternus served as editor-in-chief of the Drake Law Review. She has received honorary degrees from Iowa Wesleyan College (2005), Simpson College (2010), Coe College (2011) and Drake University (2015). She is admitted to practice law in the State of Iowa (1977) and the State of Arizona (1984, inactive status).

After law school, Ms. Ternus worked for sixteen years in the private practice of law in Des Moines, with a primary emphasis on civil litigation and insurance law. Ms. Ternus was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 1993 by Governor Terry Branstad. The members of the court selected her as Chief Justice in 2006, the first woman to serve in that role. Her court service ended on December 31, 2010. During her seventeen years on the Supreme Court, Ms. Ternus worked on a number of court initiatives and other efforts to improve the administration of justice, including improving access to the courts and improving the courts oversight of cases involving abused and neglected children. In May of 2012, Ms. Ternus and two of her former colleagues on the court received the 2012 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. Ms. Ternus currently practices law in Des Moines, lectures and teaches nationally and internationally on various subjects, including judicial independence, and serves as the Director of The Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement at Drake University.